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BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL WINNER TIZ THE BOMB RETURNS IN SATURDAY AFTERNOON'S \$600,000 JEFF RUBY STEAKS AT TURFWAY PARL

FLORENCE, Ky. (Wednesday, March 30, 2022) – Magdalena Racing Lessee's \$125,000 Battaglia Memorial winner Tiz the Bomb headlines an oversubscribed field of 13 three-year-olds that were entered in Saturday's 51st running of the \$600,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (Grade III) at Turfway Park.

The 1 1/8-mile Jeff Ruby Steaks, run over the Tapeta surface, offers the winner 100 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series. The runner-up will receive 40 points while the third and fourth place finishers will tab 20 and 10 points, respectively. The Jeff Ruby Steaks will go as Race 12 with a post time of 6:23 p.m. (all times Eastern). Turfway Park will have a special early first post of 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

Tiz the Bomb, trained by **Kenny McPeck**, finished second in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (GI). The son of Hit It a Bomb tried dirt to start his 3-year-old campaign but finished seventh in the \$250,000 Holy Bull (GIII). In his first start on Tapeta, Tiz the Bomb was able to hold off the late surge of **Stolen Base** in the 1 1/16-mile John Battaglia Memorial. Jockey **Brian Hernandez Jr.** has the call from post No. 7.

Also entered in the field is **Three Diamonds Farm** and **Deuce Greathouse's** Stolen Base, who will add blinkers following his runner-up effort in the Battaglia; **Repole Stable** and **St. Elias Stable's** Kittens Joy (GIII) runner-up **Royal Spirit**; **Winchell Thoroughbreds' Texas Turf Mile** winner **Red Run**; **Michael McLoughlin's** Black Gold Stakes winner **Dowagiac Chief**; and **SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stable, Siena Farm** and **Golconda Stable's Blackadder**.

Here's the complete field for the Jeff Ruby Steaks from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Royal Spirit** (Chris Landeros, Todd Pletcher); **Stolen Base** (Gerardo Corrales, Mike Maker); **Cabo Spirit** (Joe Bravo, George Papaprodromou); **Rich Strike** (Sonny Leon, Eric Read); **Tawny Port** (Manny Franco, Brad Cox); **Great Escape** (Adam Beschizza, Rodolphe Brisset); **Tiz the Bomb** (Hernandez, McPeck); **Red Run** (Joe Talamo, Steve Asmussen); **Dowagiac Chief** (James Graham, Tom Amoss); **Optigogo** (Rafael Bejarano, Eoin Harty); **Constitutionlawyer** (Jalon Samuel, Ray Handal); and **Blackadder** (Edwin Maldonado, Rodolphe Brisset). Also Eligible: **Swing Shift** (Gerardo Corrales, Todd Pletcher).

Saturday's Turfway program features six stakes events worth purses of \$1.7 million. Other stakes on the afternoon card are the \$250,000 Bourbonette Oaks (Listed), a Championship Series race on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks worth 50-20-10-5 points to the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI); \$250,000 TwinSpires.com Kentucky Cup Classic (Listed); the \$200,000 Rushaway; the \$200,000 Latonia Stakes; and the \$200,000 Animal Kingdom Stakes.

The special day program can be viewed on TVG and fans can wager on www.TwinSpires.com, the official wagering provider of Turfway Park and the Kentucky Derby.

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